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SUBJ: BOLIVIA'S OUTLET TO THE SEA

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1. WE HERE CONCLUDE THAT THE BOLIVIAN AMBASSADOR, SPEAKING AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT BANZER, ASKED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

A) US SYMPATHY AND SUPPORT DURING LONG AND COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS WITH CHILE AND PERU

B) US SUPPORT FOR FINANCING INFRASTRUCTURE ONCE A TREATY IS REACHED

C) US EFFORT TO INFLUENCE PERUVIAN DECISION IN SUPPORT OF BOLIVIA'S CAUSE

D) US GUARANTY OF BORDERS FINALLY AGREED UPON

2. THIS EMBASSY STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT THE DEPARTMENT INSTRUCT ITS AMBASSADORS IN BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU TO CALL ON RESPECTIVE CHIEFS OF STATE TO INFORM THEM:

A) THAT THE USG VIEWS DEVELOPMENTS THUS FAR IN THIS AFFAIR AS AMONG THE MOST POSITIVE DIPLOMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS SINCE WWII AND ON A PAR WITH USG AGREEMENT TO RENEGOTIATE THE CANAL TREATY WITH PANAMA

B) THAT A FINAL SETTLEMENT ALONG THE LINES AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE

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BY CHILE AND BOLIVIA WOULD BE AN ACT OF FAITH IN THE DECLARATION

OF AYACHUCHO AND DO MORE TO RE-INVIGORATE HEMISPHERE SOLIDARITY THAN MUCH OF WHAT WE HAVE ALL BEEN SEARCHING FOR TO MAKE OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIPS MEANINGFUL

C) THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS A VITAL INTEREST IN HEMISPHERE SOLIDARITY AND IS WILLING TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN SUPPORTING THE INITIATIVES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO THIS EFFECT

D) THAT THIS ACTIVE ROLE INVOLVES BOTH A COMMITMENT TO WORK THROUGH THE OAS TO ESTABLISH WHATEVER GUARANTEE MECHANISMS MAY SEEM INDICATED, AND TO WORK WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND IFI'S TO PROVIDE THE FINANCIAL RESOURCES NECESSARY TO ENCOURAGE AND CARRY OUT A SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED.

3. THE DEPARTMENT IN THE PAST HAS BEEN PRUDENT AND WISE IN AVOIDING USG INVOLVEMENT IN THIS AFFAIR BECAUSE IT DID NOT SEEM POSSIBLE THAT EITHER CHILE OR PERU WOULD EVER MOVE TO ACCOMMODATE BOLIVIAN ASPIRATIONS FOR A SOVEREIGN OUTLET TO THE SEA. THE SITUATION HAS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. WE BELIEVE THAT THE THREE COUNTRIES ARE ON THE VERGE OF A BREAKTHROUGH OF GREAT SIGNIFICANCE FOR RELATIONS IN THE HEMISPHERE, AND FOR A SPIRIT OF SOLIDARITY AND ACCOMPLISHMENT THAT IS SO IMPORTANT IN LATIN AMERICA. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE US, FOR OUR IMAGE, FOR OUR ROLE AS A LEADER IN MOBILIZING RESOURCES TO HELP THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES. WE ARE CONVINCED THAT THE USG MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE BOLIVIAN GOVERNMENT.

4. LET US NOT SHRINK FROM LENDING GOOD OFFICES TO RESOLVE A PROBLEM OF LONG STANDING THAT CAN ONLY REDOUND TO THE BENEFIT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. TO DO SO NEED NOT INVOLVE US IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

5. THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES WE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE THE DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 ABOVE. DEPENDING ON RESULTS OF THOSE MEETINGS, THE DEPARTMENT COULD FOLLOW-UP WITH A PRESS STATEMENT. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS' SUGGESTION OF A PRESS STATEMENT BY THE DEPARTMENT WAS THE HIGHPOINT OF REFTEL. WE RECOMMEND THAT IT BE MATCHED BY OTHER INITIATIVES AND RESPONSIVENESS.

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